

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Jon Chang

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments filed 10/1/04 and 11/22/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8 and 15-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/17/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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Primary Examiner

Response to Applicant's Submissions

1. The amendments filed October 1, 2004, and November 22, 2004, and the Terminal Disclaimer filed October 1, 2004, have been entered and made of record. Claims 15-19 have been added. Claims 1-7, and 9-14 are cancelled. Claims 8 and 15-19 are pending.

The cancellation of claims 1-7 and 9-14 render moot the rejections of those claims. However, the Examiner would like to address several of Applicants' arguments directed toward the Comair and GIF89a references, presented with the amendment of October 1, 2004.

On pages 7-8, Applicants allege that Comair does not teach blocks storing properties. The Examiner disagrees. Comair does teach blocks storing properties at col.12, line 28. Comair meets the language of the now cancelled claims as follows: the claimed first portion having a table is met by tables 426 having table 434. The claimed blocks are the data blocks 436. The claimed properties are the data in the data blocks, col. 12, lines 27-28. The claimed second portion is the trunk body structure 450, which has an item having an index, body parts index 452, which references the table 434, col.12, lines 56-61. Note that since it references the table 434, and the table 434 comprises data blocks, it is implied that the data blocks are being referenced.

On page 8, Applicants argue that the GIF89a reference does not teach indexing. The Examiner disagrees. GIF 89a does provide indexing in section 22a, second line.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with (Christopher Glembocki, Reg. No.38,800) on December 20, 2004. The amendment to claim 17 was made to provide continuity with the amendment to claim 16.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

In claim 16, at line 2, between "program" (second occurrence) and "comprising", insert
--causing a computer to perform a method--.

In claim 17, at line 1, change "program" to --method--.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The independent claims 8, 16 and 18 require "ordering said at least one stroke with other strokes and said index so as to minimize the size of said data structure." This limitation, in combination with the other features of the claims, are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record. Claims 15, 17 and 19 depend from claims 8, 16 and 18 respectively.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jon Chang whose telephone number is (703)305-8439. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au can be reached on (703)308-6604. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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